AMENDMENTS

To the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1.

The currently pending and amended claims are below. Please amend the claims following, wherein the deleted matter is shown by a strikethrough and the added matter is shown by an underline.

- (Currently amended) A non-viral DNA vector construct comprising
 an internal ribosomal entry site (IRES),
 a selection marker, and,
 a green fluorescent protein marker
 wherein the selection marker and the green fluorescent marker are transcribed as a single mRNA transcript.
- 2. (Previously amended) A cell stably transfected with the non-viral DNA vector construct of claim 1.
- 3. (Original) The cell of claim 2 wherein said cell is a stem cell.
- 4. (Previously amended) A reagent for assessing biological processes in real time, comprising a sufficient quantity of cells stably transfected with the non-viral DNA vector construct of claim 1 in a suitable carrier medium.